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A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, was convened by Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 2:40 p.m., on Friday, October 15, 1999, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. R.H. Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Frederick D. McClure, Vice Chairman
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Mr. Lionel Sosa

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Sosa was connected by telephone and listened to the reports.)

The following former members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Clayton
Mr. David G. Eller
Mr. Raul B. Fernandez
Mr. Michel T. Halbouty
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Ross D. Margraves, Jr.
Mr. L. Lowry Mays
Mr. William A. McKenzie
Mr. John Mobley
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel
Mr. Joe H. Reynolds
Mr. Wayne A. Showers

Mr. Powell welcomed the former regents and introduced the newest members of the Board of Regents: Mr. Sosa, Mr. Stevens and Dr. Wynn. Mr. Powell then introduced Mr. Howard D. Graves, newly appointed Chancellor of the System.

Mr. Graves presented an update on the System; Dr. Ray M. Bowen, President of Texas A&M University (TAMU), presented an update on TAMU; Dr. Stanton Calvert,

Vice Chancellor for State and Public Affairs, presented a legislative update; and, Dr. Jay Noren, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President of the System Health Science Center, presented an update on the System Health Science Center.

Mr. Allen presented a report on the proposed incentive pay program for faculty. Mr. Nye reported on activities of the Committee on Finance including the Management Information System (MIS), two-day programmatic budget review meeting, and the Board's emphasis on fund management. Dr. Avilés reported on new procedures to streamline the process for construction projects.

Mr. Powell thanked the former regents for their presence. He said they are a wonderful resource and the current board is the beneficiary of the former regents hard work.

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

At 5:33 p.m., Mr. Powell announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session as permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (for consultation with system attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney/client confidential and privileged) including Item 1; and, Section 551.074 (for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal, or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee) including Items 2, 3, 4 and 5. Mr. Powell said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in closed meeting would be made or taken.

At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced that the Board had met in closed session from 5:33 p.m. to 6:01 p.m.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 231-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE LAWSUIT,  
BAKER V. BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, ET AL.,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Avilés and a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System agrees to the settlement of the lawsuit styled Baker v. Baylor College of Dentistry, et al. on specific terms and conditions acceptable to the General Counsel, and as approved by the Chancellor. The President of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

is authorized to execute settlement documents, and any other documents related to the settlement. All documents shall be approved by the General Counsel prior to execution.

**MINUTE ORDER 232-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN  
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH DR. BARRY B. THOMPSON,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Allen and a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The part-time employment contract between Tarleton State University and Dr. Barry B. Thompson, dated October 1, 1999, is in the best interest of The Texas A&M University System and is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 233-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JERRY GASTON  
AS DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Nye and a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of Chancellor Howard D. Graves, Dr. Jerry C. Gaston is appointed Deputy Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, effective October 11, 1999, at a salary of \$230,000 annually.

The Chancellor is authorized to make minor revisions to the System Policies and Regulations in order to reflect any changes necessitated by this action.

**MINUTE ORDER 234-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. WALTER V. WENDLER  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR PLANNING AND SYSTEM INTEGRATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Nye and a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of Chancellor Howard D. Graves, Dr. Walter V. Wendler is appointed Vice Chancellor for Planning and System Integration of The Texas A&M University System, effective October 11, 1999, at a starting salary of \$180,000 annually.

The Chancellor is authorized to make minor revisions to the System Policies and Regulations in order to reflect any changes necessitated by this action.

**MINUTE ORDER 235-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. LEO SAYAVEDRA  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Mr. Nye and a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of Chancellor Howard D. Graves, Dr. Leo Sayavedra is appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of The Texas A&M University System, effective October 11, 1999, at his present annual salary.

The Chancellor is authorized to make minor revisions to the System Policies and Regulations in order to reflect any changes necessitated by this action.

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Mr. Powell adjourned the special meeting of the Board at 6:05 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

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